

DC's Education Landscape

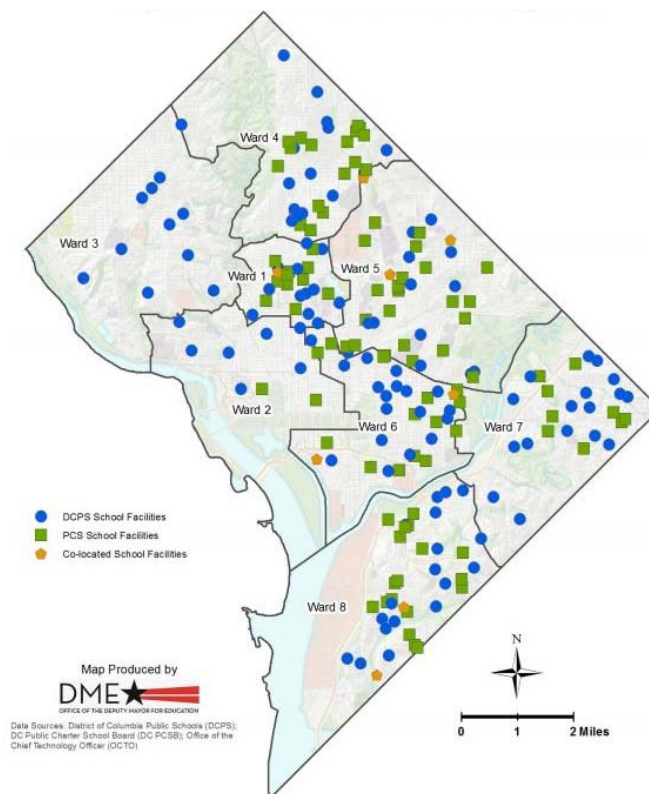
In 1995 Congress passed the DC School Reform Act, which provided for opening of up to 20 charter local education agencies (LEAs) per year with no enrollment cap. It established two charter school authorizers with authority to open, oversee and close charters. The Public Charter School Board (PCSB), first had members appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education; the law was later changed, giving the mayor responsibility for appointees. The second authorizer was the elected DCPS Board of Education, which relinquished chartering authority in 2006. In 2007 the District of Columbia passed the Public Education Reform Amendment Act (PERAA) that gave control of its public schools to its mayor. Today DC has 66 charter LEAs operating 120 schools.

DC's Charter Enrollment % is Among the Highest in the Country

District	State	Charter #	District #	Total #	Charter %
New Orleans	LA	44,380	3,520	47,900	93%
Flint	MI	5,780	4,810	10,590	55%
Detroit	MI	50,460	44,890	95,350	53%
Queen Creek	AZ	6,110	6,740	12,850	48%
Gary	IN	5,000	5,820	10,820	46%
Washington	DC	41,490	48,510	90,000	46%

Source: National Alliance for Public Charter Schools; ["A Growing Movement" Report](#), published 10/2017.

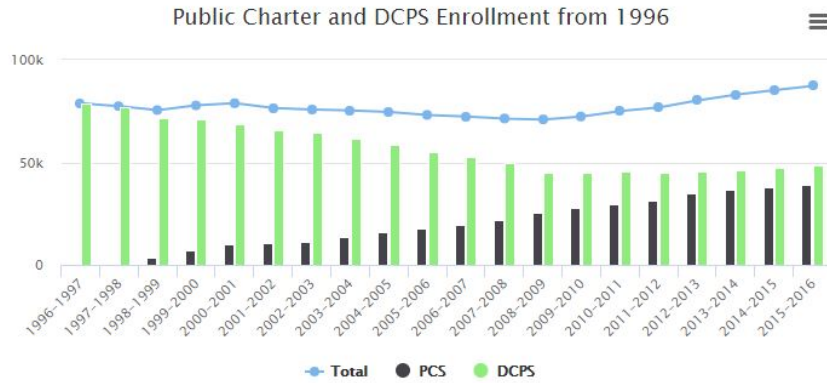
Charters are Concentrated in Low-Wealth Areas



Note: Bancroft ES/Briya PCS (co-located), Marie Reed ES, Murch ES, Watkins ES, and Duke Ellington School of the Arts were in temporary locations for SY16-17

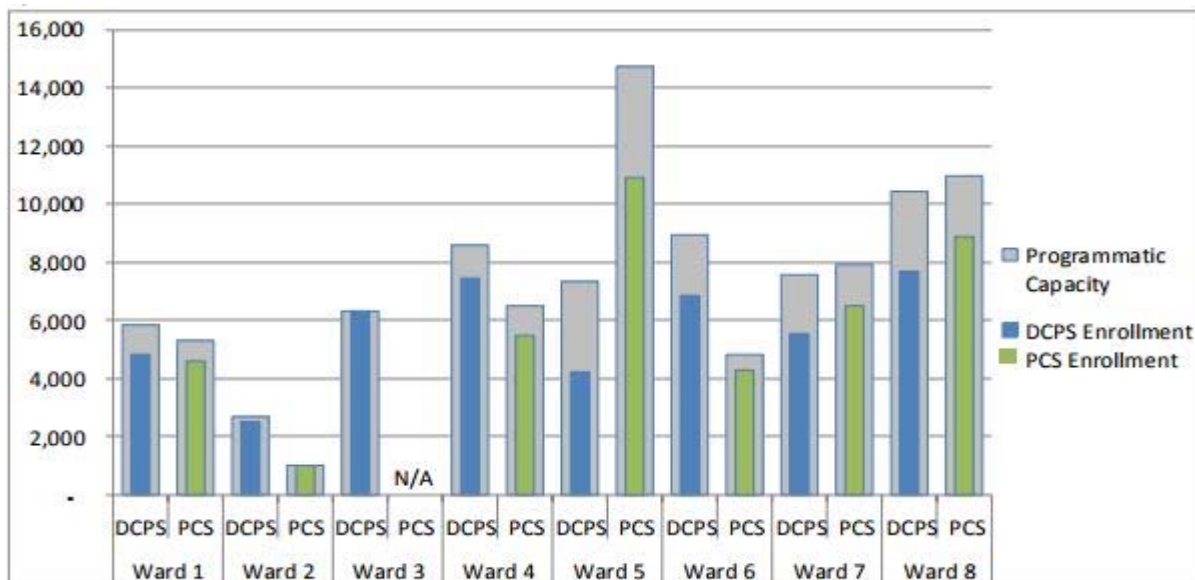
Source: Screenshot of [DME Citywide Fact Sheet, SY16-17](#); page 3.

DCPS's Enrollment Decline and Charter Sector Growth Have Moved in Step



Source: Screenshot of DC Public Charter School Board, "Facts and Figures" webpage.

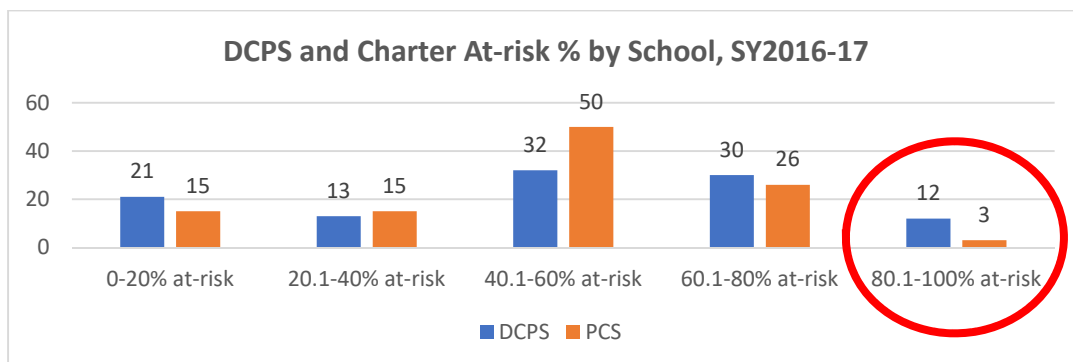
Both Sectors have Excess Building Capacity, Yet New Schools Continue to Open



Note: No public charter schools were located in Ward 3.

Source: Screenshot of DME Citywide Fact Sheet, SY16-17; page 9.

More DCPS Schools Have Very High Concentrations (>80%) of At-Risk Students



Source: OSSE Enrollment Audit SY16-17.